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1. THE CENTRAL PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 25 CARRIED A BRIEF PAP
REPORT ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF KAZIMIERZ SZABLEWSKI AS
"CHIEF OF THE GROUP ON QUESTIONS OF PERMANENT WORKING CON-
TACTS WITH THE APOSTOLIC SEE AT THE POLISH EMBASSY IN ROME."
SZABLEWSKI WILL HOLD THE RANK OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR. THE
REPORT RECALLED THE WARSAW-VATICAN AGREEMENT IN EARLY JULY
TO ESTABLISH "PERMANENT WORKING CONTACTS," NOTING THAT BOTH
SIDES HAD RECOGNIZED AT THAT TIME THE NEED FOR IMPROVING
THEIR RELATIONS UNDER CONDITIONS OF DETENTE AND BELIEVED
THIS WOULD ALSO HELP NORMALIZATION OF CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS
(SEE REFTEL.)

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2. THE BRIEF BIOGRAPHY ACCOMPANYING THE ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATES SZABLEWSKI, A PZPR MEMBER, WAS BORN IN 1927 AND JOINED THE MFA IN 1954. HE SERVED AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN ROME FROM 1968-72 AND IS CURRENTLY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MFA DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. COMMENT: SZABLEWSKI'S RANK AND TITLE SUGGEST THAT THE POLES WANT TO GIVE THIS NEW LINK WITH THE VATICAN AS MUCH AUTHORITY AND PRESIGE AS POSSIBLE.
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